



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 30, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Constructing and operating buildings using standard procedures require enormous amounts of energy, water, and materials and typically creates large amounts of waste. Where and how buildings are built affects the environment around us in countless ways. According to the United States Green Building Council, buildings account for 65% of all electricity consumption in the United States, contribute 30% of total greenhouse gas emissions, and are responsible for 30% of all raw materials used.

“As the environmental impacts of buildings become more widely understood, it is apparent that sustainable building practices should be supported and encouraged. Sustainable design is the practice of creating healthier and more resource efficient models of construction, renovation, operation, maintenance, and demolition. Sustainable or green buildings are good public policy and save taxpayer dollars—they are designed to use resources more efficiently. Sustainable buildings significantly reduce energy costs compared to traditional buildings, use materials efficiently to achieve lowest lifetime costs, and are more durable and flexible. In addition, sustainable buildings keep reusable, recyclable, and toxic building materials out of landfills.

“On January 16, 2007, this Board adopted the Countywide Energy and Environmental Policy which in part provides for the integration of sustainable or green building features and technologies into the designs of County capital projects. To build on this effort, the County should further support incentives that promote the use of sustainable building practices by other public entities as well as the private sector.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board revised Section "h." of the County's Federal legislative policies relating to Air, Water, and Resources (Agenda Item No. 14 this date), as follows:

- h. Support proposals which provide funding or tax credits for projects to: improve air quality, such as by reducing toxic particulate matter emissions from diesel engines through voluntary scrap programs and the replacement or retrofit of diesel-powered vehicles and equipment; or, to promote the use of sustainable building practices that reduce resource consumption, energy consumption, and release of pollutants and wastes, such as through the use of solar energy and water reclamation.

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